

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

GSA General Body Minutes

Location: McCool 232 at 5pm.

Total number present:

- Sign In
- Update from the Graduate School
- Announcements and Events for Graduate Student
  - Symposium Abstracts are due online by March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm
  - The Graduate Student Research Symposium March 25<sup>th</sup> in Allen Hall from 9:30am-3:00pm
  - BGSA Crawfish Boil March 24<sup>th</sup> at Hobie's on Main at 6pm
  - Earth Day Prairie Restoration w/BGSA at Osborne Prairie April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Guest Speaker
  - Mr. Bradley Brazzeal with a presentation on graduate resources the library provides.
    - Live chat features (Green means there is a person ready to chat with you)
    - Find a subject specialist – librarian to help you with your specific topic
    - Search, Find, Write will help you format your thesis or dissertation. Also lists workshops you can attend. And a list of deadlines.
    - EndNote, Mendeley, Zotero software workshops. (EndNote will not be offered at the library but at Barnes & Nobles – also the price has increased)
      - Mendeley and Zotero are free. Mendeley- program for citation. Web and desktop versions.
      - Through MSU- Mendeley you get more storage space. Perks to getting it through MSU.
    - What if you already have EndNote? Will you be able to keep EndNote? (Questions posed) Answer: your EndNote Library should be ok, but it is easy to change over. The library will be providing more information on this soon.
    - Any additional questions can be sent to Mr. Bradley Brazzeal.
- Social Events
  - Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm with International Student Advisory Board.
  - GSA Send Off Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5pm. Located on Hobie's on Main
- Philanthropy Service Project/Volunteer Opportunities
  - Mississippi Science and Engineering Fair – call for volunteers! April 5-6, April 10-11. Contact Gabe at [gap85@msstate.edu](mailto:gap85@msstate.edu) for more information.
  - West Point Animal Shelter – Sat. March 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00am- 12:00pm
  - Canoe Day at the Refuge Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30am-12:00pm
- Nominations for GSA Election
  - Call for additional nominees.
  - Presentation of Candidates.

- Voting will take place on the Graduate School Website!  
Select the tab “GSA Vote” to review the candidates and cast your vote.  
<http://www.grad.msstate.edu/professional-development/students/graduate-student-association/>  
Voting will be open from 12:01am on March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:50pm on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Association Update
  - Congratulations to Abdullah Sherif for being appointed as a Senator in the SA. He will be joining three fellow grads serving on SA until September.
- Final Announcements
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium March 25<sup>th</sup> –Instructions have been emailed out to register.
  - The Graduate Awards Banquet March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm (invite only)
  - Graduate Appreciation Week April 3<sup>rd</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Connect with GSA
    - Join us on OrgSync - Graduate Student Association
    - Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Graduate-Student-Association-Mississippi-State-University/129869067222996>
    - Follow us on Twitter @MSUGSA
    - Follow us on Instagram - MSUGSA
  - Next meeting – Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 McCool 232 at 5pm
- Focus Group from the library lead by Dr. Lee. 11am-2pm for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Lunch provided. Library and their services.
- Public Health Research Competition – abstract contest. Deadlines are March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information email
- Giveaways!

### Events

- March 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, West Point Animal Shelter - 9:00am- 12:00pm (Philanthropy)
- March 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Online Voting for GSA Elections! Go Vote!!
- March 10<sup>th</sup> Due Date for Symposium papers
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Canoe Day at the Refuge (Philanthropy)
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Culture Conversation Talk in the Union 330 from 5-7pm (Social)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Crawfish Boil w/BGSA
- March 25<sup>th</sup> Graduate Symposium 9:30am –Noon (Allen-Posters); 9:30am– 2:00pm (McCool-Oral)
- March 28<sup>th</sup> GSA Monthly Meeting (Meeting)
- March 30<sup>th</sup> The Graduate Awards Banquet (invite only) 5:30pm The Mize Pavilion
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